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## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Milpitas – Alleged Arsonist Flew in from Missouri to Set South Bay Fires

(U) According to authorities, a Missouri man allegedly traveled to the San Francisco Bay Area and then set six arson fires including a blaze that charred 128-acres near the Calaveras Reservoir last weekend. Officials said Freddie Graham, 68, of Lonejack, Missouri, was being held on 13 counts of arson and two counts of arson during state of emergency. If convicted he faces up to 22-years in prison. Among the blazes Graham was accused of setting was the Reservoir Fire which ignited near the Calaveras Reservoir. The fire, which started as a series of six smaller fires burning south of the Santa Clara-Alameda County line.

SOURCE: 25 September 2019, [CBS SF Bay Area](#)

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#### (U) District of Columbia – US Military Issues Warning About Shooters at ‘Joker’ Screenings

(U) Washington – The US military has advised service members to be alert to the potential for mass shootings at screenings of the upcoming DC villain movie "Joker." The warning went out to service members following the distribution of a bulletin from the FBI on the risk of possible violence alluded to in social media posts from ‘Incel’ extremists, who have made threats to recreate the theater shootings in Aurora, Colorado, which took place during screenings of another Joker-centric film, "The Dark Knight." The term Incel refers an online subculture of people, mostly men, who consider themselves involuntarily celibate and unable to find romantic partners. The community has been associated with mass shootings. Incel extremists idolize violent individuals like Elliot Roger who went on a spree killing in Isla Vista, CA, and James Holmes, the Aurora movie theater shooter.

SOURCE: 24 September 2019, [KCRA 3](#)

#### (U) District of Columbia – Opioid Strike Force Results in Charges against 13 Individuals, Including 11 Physicians

(U) Washington – The US Justice Department announced on 25 September the second coordinated law enforcement action of the Appalachian Region Prescription Opioid (ARPO) strike force, resulting in charges against 13 individuals across five Appalachian federal districts for alleged offenses relating to the over prescription of controlled substances through “pill mill” clinics. Of those charged, 12 were for their unlawful role in distributing opioids and other controlled substances and 11 were physicians. The alleged conduct resulted in the distribution of more than 17 million pills. This action follows the first such takedown in April, which involved charges against 60 defendants, including 53 medical professionals, in 11 federal districts, alleging the illegal distribution of more than 23 million pills.

SOURCE: 24 September 2019, [DOJ](#)

#### (U) Minnesota – Police Seize Nearly \$4 Million in THC Vaping Products

(U) New Hope – Nearly \$4 million worth of illegal THC vaping cartridges were seized from a Minnesota residence on 23 September. An Anoka County man was arrested Monday after officers with the New Hope Police Department and investigators with the Northwest Metro Drug Task Force seized 76,972 THC

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vaping cartridges. New Hope Police Chief Tim said that authorities were tipped off earlier this summer to the sale of the cartridges, which he said resulted in the largest bust of its kind. In addition to the products, which have a street value of over \$3.8 million, law enforcement found \$23,383 in counterfeit money and several other marijuana “evidence.” Police believe that the products came from out of state and were intended for distribution.

SOURCE: 24 September 2019, [Fox 6 Now](#)

**(U) New York – Man Found Guilty of Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to ISIS**

(U) Brooklyn – A jury in Brooklyn returned a verdict yesterday finding Dilkhayot Kasimov, a citizen of Uzbekistan and a resident of Brooklyn, New York, guilty of conspiracy and of attempting to provide material support to the designated foreign terrorist organization ISIS. The evidence at trial established that Kasimov’s co-conspirators, Abdurasul Juraboev and Akhror Saidakhmetov, planned to travel to Syria to fight on behalf of ISIS, and Kasimov provided money – his own and cash collected by others – to help fund Saidakhmetov’s travel and expenses. Co-conspirators Juraboev, Saidakhmetov and Habibov, as well as co-conspirators Akmal Zakirov and Azizjon Rakhmatov have all previously pleaded guilty. Juraboev and Saidakhmetov were each sentenced to 15 years’ imprisonment. Habibov, Zakirov and Rakhmatov are awaiting sentencing.

SOURCE: 25 September 2019, [DOJ](#)

**(U) Virginia – FBI Investigating Ransomware Attack on Smyth School System**

(U) Smyth County – A ransomware attack of the Smyth County school system's computer network was discovered on 23 September. The FBI is investigating the incident as the source of the attack has been traced outside the country. The school website is down and many schools are without internet connections, but efforts are ongoing to retrieve information from backups because the county will not pay the ransom. The director of technology for Smyth County Schools, is working with technicians, teachers and office staff to replace the system. He expects all schools to be back online by the end of the week.

SOURCE: 25 September 2019, [SWVA Today](#)

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**(U) Myanmar – US Embassy Warns of Potential Imminent Attacks in Capital, Several Cities**

(U) Nay Pyi Taw – The US Embassy in Myanmar (formerly Burma) issued a security alert warning of potential attacks in the capital Nay Pyi Taw, as well as Yangon and Mandalay, in the coming days, with a specific threat anticipated on Thursday. The alert stated that Myanmar security forces are investigating reports of potential attacks in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 September, 16 October, and 26 October, and in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, and Mandalay in the coming months. In the security alert, the embassy advised US citizens to review their personal security plans and increase their security awareness, especially while interacting with security forces and at government facilities.

SOURCE: 25 September 2019, [US DOS](#)

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